

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants have noted a few typographical errors in both their last submission of a listing of claims and in the amendments entered by the Examiner (in claims 8 and 26). The listing of claims presented herein has been amended to correct those errors. The corrections do not effect the meaning or scope of the claims.

In addition, Applicants have noted when reviewing the claims one last time before paying the issue fee, that there may possibly be a potential problem with antecedent basis for the reference in a step to the term "internal" as applied to properties or events in claims 1, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28, 50, 52, 53, 54, 58, 60, 61, 65, and 69. Applicants referenced internal properties or events because in the art of object oriented programming it was well known at the time the invention was made (and certainly continues to be known to this day) that objects could be written to a specification that provided internal properties or no internal properties to the objects. Applicants' invention can be used with objects having internal properties and not having internal properties. The code provided in the specification interrogates the object to determine whether, in fact, the object possess internal properties or events. The code wraps objects whether or not they have internal properties or events. Both types of objects can be wrapped by Applicants' invention to utilize properties and events that were not provided in the original object. Applicants pointed out in the specification that any type of object could be employed with the invention as long as it was written to a known standard.

Fourth, the invention is capable of utilizing any objects written to a standard specification. That is, at its core it is featureless and extensible. The invention imposes no limitation on the type of function

the objects can perform, and the objects need not be directed towards multimedia or any other single use`. Thus, all types of programs can be developed utilizing the entire range of available objects, and, during application development, the objects may all be presented in the four views, once again synchronized or not.

In order to conform to the antecedent basis rules of claim drafting, Applicants have amended the claims to recite that the objects may or may not have internal properties (or events). With these amendments, applicants submit that correct antecedent basis is provided in the claims. Applicants do not believe that this amendment changes the scope or meaning of the relevant claims, and respectfully request that the amendment be entered.

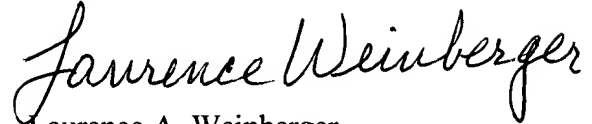
On the Notice of Allowability issued April 28, 2006, Box 5 is checked indicating that corrected drawings must be submitted. Subsequent to receiving the Notice, corrected drawings were submitted to and approved by the Examiner who has forwarded them to the appropriate unit within the USPTO. Accordingly, no drawings are attached in response to the Notice of Allowability.

Applicants have not abandoned their claim 76 submitted in the Supplemental Response dated January 7, 2006, but, rather than addressing the matter in an 3.12 amendment, will continue prosecution of that claim in a continuation application to be filed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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